The Portland Metro Chapter invites you to join us for the 2015 PNACL Summer Conference at the beautiful St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall in Vancouver, Washington. This conference will have something for everyone: the new librarian, the experienced librarian, the aspiring author. Please join us as we learn how we can make ripples in our library ministries.

Welcoming Keynote Speaker Mike Thaler

Mike Thaler started his professional career drawing cartoons for adults. A children's book editor saw one of Mike’s cartoon stories in a national magazine and encouraged him to try writing for children. His first attempt met with success, and "The Magic Boy" was published in 1961.

Mike has produced over 200 published books for children and is known as "America's Riddle King." He has also been called "The Court Jester of Children's Literature."

At the age of 60 he opened his heart to Jesus Christ. He says, “My life went from black and white to glorious Technicolor.” His Christian series, "Tales from the Back Pew," was released in January 2009. He will share with us how he moved from being a secular Jew to a Christian.

What's New This Year

This year’s conference will open with an activity called Creative Ripples that will begin as soon as your registration is complete. Fun-filled activity stations will allow you to create something to take home, and give you opportunities to share and learn along with other church librarians. In addition to the main workshops, the conference will also feature Mini-Shops. These 30-minute workshops take place during breaks between other conference events and no registration is necessary, so feel free to “drop-in” on them at any time. Saturday morning will feature the Author Shuffle. In this shuffle, you will stay in place and the authors move from room to room to introduce themselves and the books they have to offer. For those seeking a different type of activity a Scavenger Hunt will provide opportunity to explore the grounds, or take the “Stations of the Cross” walk, while looking for hidden treasure.

Featuring Friday Night Speaker Christian Piatt

Christian Piatt had a Bible (literally) thrown at him when he was kicked out of his youth group for asking too many questions about God, Jesus, and about the Christian faith that he would end up running from for much of his life. Having painstakingly regained his faith - but on his own terms - he dedicates his time thinking, writing and speaking to help others reconcile what Christianity claims to be, with what it's intended to be.

He has written several books including PostChristian: What's Left, Can We Fix It, Do We Care? as well as the Banned Questions book series, and a memoir called PregMANcy: A Dad, a Little Dude and a Due Date.

His personal story is compelling and his writings on emerging Christianity are thought provoking.
### Conference Schedule

**Friday, June 19, 2015**
1:00  Registration Opens
- Visit the vendors and meet the authors
- “Creative Ripples” Welcome Activity
3:30  Workshop #1
- a. Creating a Ripples Center—Library Basics
- b. Expanding Your Ripples—DVDs
4:45  Dinner Buffet & Evening Convocation
- Speaker Christian Piatt
7:00  Workshop #2
- a. Enabling Your Ripples—Library Software
- b. Ripples in Publishing—Small Press Publishing
- c. Ripples for Teens & Tweens

**Saturday, June 20, 2015**
7:30  Full Continental breakfast
- Visit the vendors and meet the authors
8:30  Morning Convocation & Annual Meeting
9:30  Author Shuffle
10:30 Visit the vendors and meet the authors
- 10:45 Mini-shop #1: Q&A Panel
11:15 Workshop #3
- a. Safeguarding Your Ripples—Copyright
- b. Ripples That Heal—Grief & PTSD
- c. Ripples for Children
- d. Writing Ripples That Inspire
12:15 Lunch Buffet & Keynote Speaker Mike Thaler
1:45  Visit the vendors and meet the authors
- 1:45 Mini-shop #2: Book Jacket Repair
2:15  Workshop #4
- a. Showcasing Your Ripples—Promotion
- b. Ripples That Answer—Non-Fiction
- c. Ripples From Biblical Fiction
3:30  Closing Convocation
4:15  Conference Ends

### Workshop Descriptions

**1a. Creating a Ripples Center**
This workshop will cover a broad range of topics in response to the needs of those attending. This workshop is perfect for those starting up a library ministry or revitalizing an existing one.  

**1b. Expanding Your Ripples**
DVDs can be a circulation booster. Christian film makers, quality movies for your collection, cataloging tips, copyright issues, where to find reviews; these are some of the topics that will be covered in this workshop.

**2a. Enabling Your Ripples**
Are you interested in library software but not sure how to get started? In this workshop you’ll learn about several different options for computerizing your catalog and circulation system. We will focus on low-cost and no-cost alternatives for libraries that lack the budget to purchase commercial software.

**2b. Ripples in Publishing**
In the huge pond of the traditional Christian book market, how can a new press make a splash worth noticing? Mother-daughter authors and founders of Ashberry Lane Publishing, Sherrie Ashcraft and Christina Tarabochia share the journey God has called them to take.

**2c. Ripples for Teens and Tweens**
Author Jill Williamson will share how God is using her to create ripples by writing Christian fiction for teens and tweens.

**3a. Safeguarding Your Ripples**
This workshop will cover CVLI (Church Video License) along with copyright law and your ministry; making sense of it all. Feel free to come with questions.

**3b. Ripples That Heal**
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is rampant! Author Welby O’Brien shares practical ways we can all reach out to those battling the unseen, life-altering wounds of trauma.

**3c. Ripples for Children**
Children’s author Jeannie St. John Taylor will share the 1,2,3’s of publishing for children in today’s market. A signed book will be awarded to an attendee for the best illustration prompted by Jeannie’s workshop.
3d. Writing Ripples That Inspire
Richard M. Cary
Richard M. Cary loves to write. In this workshop he will address topics such as how to know if you should be a writer and the basic initial steps of a writing journey.

4a. Showcasing Your Ripples
Dee Ann Hoff
This workshop is all about PROMOTION, PROMOTION, PROMOTION. It will cover a multitude of methods including Verbal, Printed, Visual, and Special Events.

4b. Ripples That Answer
Doris Howard
This workshop on developing a non-fiction collection will look at building a balanced collection including items that meet the needs of patrons with those “do you have…?” questions.

4c. Ripples From Biblical Fiction
Mesu Andrews
Discover how Biblical fiction excites both fiction lovers and Bible study enthusiasts with ripples that endure the test of time.

Mini-shop #1. Q&A Panel
Do you have questions that haven’t been answered by the other workshops? Bring them to this mini-shop and let the panel of experienced church librarians help.

Mini-shop #2. Book Jacket Repair
Jan Barton
Learn how to repair book jackets from hardcover books. Participants are invited to bring their own book jackets with the books that need refurbishing.

For a more complete description of the workshops, see the Conference Tab at PNACL.org

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**Workshop Descriptions (continued)**

**Registration Form**

Name __________________________________________ Chapter _________________________
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**Saturday Lunch choice:**
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Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.  
1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)